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## Prices and Prospects.

### LESS PRODUCTION MORE STRENGTH SHOWN IN COKE

### Furnace Production Falls Off but Merchant Trade Better.

### THE FIRST QUARTER'S BUSINESS

Aggregates 210,622 Tons Being at  
Rate of 14,000 Tons Annually  
Region Now Running But Little  
Better than the 1914 Rate.

The Connellsville coke trade shows a slight decline in market strength with production and shipments approaching 20,000 tons and running low together. While the volume of business has diminished somewhat, it is clear that there has been a marked increase in market strength. The falling off in production is being offset by a decrease in demand. It is the merchant sides which make up the new market for coke, while the few remaining producers are still holding out. Future production is likely to run down to 10,000 tons due to the cutting of the earnings allowance from \$1.15 per ton to \$0.80 per ton, down to 20,000 tons due to 60% dues and 20% tax. It is expected that this will be ten years hence. Events have been few and far between naturally in regard to coke production. One notable exception is the recent strike which has been a factor in further depressing demand.

The shipments for the first quarter of 1914, as shown in the annual statement on page 4, totalled at the rate of 13,000,000 tons, or 10.4% of the total output of 13,000,000 tons. The shipper gets for the first quarter of 1914, or 4,000,000 tons, or 30.8% of the first quarter of 1913, or 13,000 tons per week, compared with 13,000 tons per week in 1913, or 13,000 tons, which was practically the same as in 1912. In 1913, the output of the region was 20,000,000 tons.

Coke shipments of the Connellsville and Lower Connellsville regions for months for 1914, 1913, and 1912 are as follows:

### GET RUSH ORDERS

Plants Now Expanding to Handle War  
Orders Enter Steel Market

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—The  
month of March saw more  
activity in the steel market than  
in February, and the market  
is showing signs of recovery.

Activity is increasing rapidly as it is done in the

## Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

### Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION	WEEK ENDING MARCH 27, 1915				WEEK ENDING MARCH 27, 1914			
	TONS	TONS	TONS	TONS	TONS	TONS	TONS	TONS
DISTRICT	1,080	1,040	1,020	1,020	1,040	1,020	1,020	1,020
Connellsville	1,070	1,040	1,020	1,020	1,040	1,020	1,020	1,020
Lower Connellsville	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110
TURNAVE COKESS	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Connellsville	1,040	1,040	1,020	1,020	1,040	1,020	1,020	1,020
Lower Connellsville	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	2,100	2,100	2,040	2,040	2,100	2,040	2,040	2,040
MERCHANT TRADE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Connellsville	1,200	1,180	1,160	1,160	1,200	1,180	1,160	1,160
Lower Connellsville	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	1,200	1,180	1,160	1,160	1,200	1,180	1,160	1,160
SIDEMEN'S	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Connellsville	1,040	1,040	1,020	1,020	1,040	1,020	1,020	1,020
Lower Connellsville	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	1,040	1,040	1,020	1,020	1,040	1,020	1,020	1,020

### RECEIVERS OPPOSE THE FILING OF SUITS AGAINST THOMPSON

Notice That Interests of  
Creditors Are Being  
Conceived.

### DEFEND ACTION BEING TAKEN

Connellsville, Pa.—The U.S. Distri-

### VETERAN COKE OPERATOR IS CALLED BY DEATH

EDWARD MCGOWAN, 85, a  
former coke operator, died

Wednesday morning.

He had been ill for some time.

He was born in Ireland.

He came to America in 1880.

He worked in the coke opera-

tions of the Connellsville

region for many years.

He was 85 years old.

He is survived by his wife,

Elizabeth, and two sons.

He was a member of the

Methodist Church.







## LOW FIGURES ARE RULE IN BIDS FOR CITY PAVING JOB

**Many Contractors Anxious to Do Work on Twelve Streets.**

## COUNCIL FAVERS GOOD WORK

Lutheran Concrete or Crushed Stone Bids Is Expected to Take the Place of Coke Ashes, Many Brick Men Also Compete for Big Contract.

Exceptionally low prices were offered on the general paving contract for 12 city streets when the bids were opened before city council Monday. Although it will take at least a week of City Engineer C. L. Hurst to accumulate those figures, those who viewed the reading of the proposals stated that the city has an opportunity to get the paving done more economically than by contractors who are now engaged in the paving of streets in the \$1,600,000 contracts let last month.

Attestor H. G. Stahl, a member of the council, said to the contractors that the city has an opportunity to get the paving done more economically than by contractors who are now engaged in the paving of streets in the \$1,600,000 contracts let last month.

The question of why the price of paving was allowed to fall so far was raised by Judge Van Swearingen, head of the commission, in his statement to the contractors.

He said that the reason for the low bid virtually no business was transacted and that it was in excess of \$4,000,000 and 10,000 yards of paving. Most of this work was concentrated in tabular form on the city's paving bills. Prices were asked for work on 12 streets and on various kinds of construction. Bidders were asked to submit prices for paving, turning the brick if using brick supplied by the city.

Bids for \$60,000 per acre lot were also issued. Paving contractors replied to requests for figures on 10 of these names, prices. Estimates of most of the contracts were present and most of them remained to note the bids made by contractors on the general work.

It is regarded as probable that council will disregard the use of coke ashes as a foundation for street paving. It is held by the commissioners that the city would do well to let the paving contracts separately.

It is also considered that the poor economy as the streets do not stand up well under such a base. Contractors submitted figures on oil shale, sand and gravel, broken stone and concrete. It is said that the choice will be between broken stone construction with a stone base, some cash on a concrete base. According to Constance, the broken stone base is better, but that other base in some cases because of the better drainage it is desired. In many instances the question of drainage is of more importance than that of stability. The broken stone base is much cheaper than concrete.

Bids on the paving were submitted by Mr. Morrison of Pittsburgh, for all 12 streets, \$1,600,000; by Mr. Hayes of B. O. Connor, Park, Scotland and Isabel's road, \$1,700; by Mr. Condon, Scottish, all streets, \$1,600; by Brothers, Bradford, all streets, \$1,600; by Edwards, Clemmons, No. B. Pittsburgh street, Murphy and Coffey, all streets and Apple Street, Tugson & Miller, all streets, Brooks & Connelly, Indianapolis, all streets, in the last section, \$1,600; by Page, Monroe, Franklin, all streets, Alfred de Poerbe, a bid for laying a sewer on Moore Avenue, the only bidder for this contract.

Producers from a superfluous observation of the names except for first trees and telephone offerings.

The streets proposed are the following: North and South Lawrenceburg, one end of Pleasant paving to the city limits; East Murphy Avenue, Cottage to Main, Cottage Avenue, Apple Street, Prospect to Main, Morell Avenue, from end of paving to Boulevards, First Street from North end to intersection with Second Street, South Street, from end of paving to South Avenue, Washington Avenue, Ashland and All roads.

For a few bidders, names were submitted when bids for \$60,000 per acre lot were opened. These bidders and their prices per thousand for just class paving are as follows:

Mo. Cuyahoga Brick Company, \$1,600.

Lutheran Clay Company, \$17,000.

United Clay Company, \$10,000.

St. Louis Clay Company, \$10,000.



## MANY FLITTINGS ARE MADE ON THE FIRST OF APRIL

This is Moving Day and  
Changes of Address are  
Numerous.

## RENTS ARE LOWER THAN USUAL

**Business Depression is Reflected in  
Offers of Landlords to Make Con-  
cessions to Keep Properties Occupied,  
Some of Those on the Move**

April 1 is generally regarded as Moving Day. It is at that time most families change their place of residence or on about that date through any other time of the year, though the rate ten years ago almost all times.

This year there will be many moving, but at that time it is more vacant houses throughout the town.

The Land Lord and Tenant families were not as busy in moving and renting houses as they were last year.

B. B. Smith from a house recently vacated by John W. Lewis in Washington & Ohio train dispatcher, transferred to Somerset.

S. M. Goodman from his residence, Fairview, went to the Young home which he will take charge of on May 1.

R. V. Little from 712 South Avenue to the Stanton Supermarket on Cedar Avenue.

Thomas Miller from 307 Lincoln Street to 712 Arch Street.

H. G. Gray from 104 East Washington Avenue to the Joseph McEvoy property on Pittman Avenue.

P. Smith from 1011 E. 5th Avenue to 103 E. 5th Washington Avenue.

D. G. Edmunds from Butcher Building to the Robinson property - 9 West Green street.

Mrs. Smith Brownson from 20 West Green Street to the Webb property on South Pittsburg Street.

Charles H. W. Lewis from 200 South Arch Street to Merrill Avenue, West Side.

A. B. Morton from Cullinan is moving to the Witcher residence at Patterson Avenue, the new residential road.

Henry Rhodes from New West Main Street to the new West Main Street.

James Johnson from 1 is moving across to the house vacated by Henry Rhodes on West Main Street.

Charles A. Crowley from the South Winds Apartments to Bevans Apartments on Crawford Avenue.

Captain T. S. Russell from Portage Avenue to New Castle.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lark from South Side to Hedges Apartments on East Main Street.

W. G. Wright from a room in the building to W. E. Fisher residence on Melody Lane.

C. Satterly to 7 Green Street now occupied by G. Wallace S. Ross.

Miss Mary Liggett from Ellington place on South Pittsburg Street to Newcomer Apartments, Ellington.

John C. Johnson from W. K. Hunter's residence on Melody Lane.

M. A. Fissner from 111 East Pittsburg Street to residence of L. H. Lewis on Johnson Avenue.

George D. Pitt from Johnson Avenue to O'Connell's West Side.

Mrs. William A. Clegg from custom apartments to 2000 Franklin Street, South Pittsburg.

James Lewis from 18 South Eighth Street to South Pittsburg Street, West Side.

A. C. Heiskell from 105 Arch Street to residence recently completed at Murphy and Coffey Avenue.

R. H. Muller from 220 East Main Street to Joseph Dixon on Pittsburg Street.

Joseph Dixon and family from Main Street to Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Clegg from 105 Arch Street to 105 Pittsburg Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wells have been married 25 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wells are engaged in their 25th wedding anniversary. They are the parents of a son, Charles O. Schriener, who is a student in the law office of Charles O. Schriener, Attorney at Law.

At the death of Mrs. Wells the property is to be sold and the amount received over the expenses of Mrs. and Mrs. Wells' expenses of \$1,000 is left to the State of Pennsylvania.

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